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1. Noah had too much of it; - Sahara not enough; - anyway it's one of life's prime necessities.
2. When a person takes a drink of good pure water, little thought is given as to how this water is brought to them and how it is cared for.
3. In a lake water supply system, the water is generally drawn a couple of miles from shore. Here a crib is built of solid rock in which the intakes are located.
4. For further protection immense stone walls are built around the cribs.
5. The impurities in ordinarily pure water are generally of small consequence unless the water is disturbed by a storm, then precaution is necessary.
6. Therefore the bacteriologist fills a bottle with the turbulent water for a test.
7. One of the intake entrances of the crib.
8. Like a motion picture the water is given a good screening before it is finally run.
9. The water enters the intakes 146 feet below lake level, and gradually rises to lake level, as it flows through immense tunnels to the pumping station.
10. These tunnels are cut of solid rock and finished with concrete.
11. In the ruins of Pompeii was found an elaborate water system. The streets had fountains along their sides fed by pipes made of folded sheet lead. Pressure was maintained by towers.
12. The distribution of water progressed slowly until the introduction of case iron piping. Here the tunnel from the crib connects with the pumping station.
13. To be doubly sure that the water is pure another bottle is filled, this time with water from the pumping station well.
14. The laboratory. Here the two samples are given a test.
15. Chlorine is a product of common table salt and is kept in tanks ready to mix with the water.
16. Since drinking water has become so popular in this country, the old "town pump" couldn't supply the demand. Here are some pumps that will give a whole city a drink.
17. Plungers. Three of these big fellows pump 30,000,000 gallons of water daily.
18. Large pipes and valves connect with the water mains of the city.
19. Now to be sure that enough chlorine is used to make water pure, another test is made.
20. These gold fish have lived in water charged with 20 times as much chlorine as is ordinarily used, for 15 years.
21. Always ready to run when there's anything to do.

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